

**Introduced by Senator Padilla**February 26, 2009

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An act to amend Section 7200.7 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to guide dogs for the blind.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 475, as introduced, Padilla. Guide dogs for the blind.

Existing law establishes within the Department of Consumer Affairs a State Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind that, among others things, has exclusive authority to license schools for the training of guide dogs for the blind and the instruction of blind persons in the use of guide dogs. Existing law requires a fee equal to 0.004 of a school's annual expenses be paid for renewal of a school's license.

This bill would specify that the license renewal fee shall be no more than 0.005 of a school's annual expenses, as determined by the board by regulation, and would require the fee to be paid by April 30 of each year.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 7200.7 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 7200.7. A fee equal to ~~0.004~~ *no more than 0.005* of all school
- 4 expenses incurred in the most recently concluded school calendar
- 5 year, as specified in the audit required under Section 7217, shall
- 6 be paid *no later than April 30 of each year* for renewal of a school's
- 7 school's license pursuant to Section 7200.5. *The board shall, by*

- 1 *regulation, define the exact amount of the fee.* All fees collected
- 2 pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Guide Dogs for
- 3 the Blind Fund, which is hereby created.